Announcement of National Textile Policy

†1230. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to announce a National Textile Policy in the country;

(b) if so, by when it would be announced;

(c) whether Government have received the suggestions from the representatives of handloom, powerloom and textile mill sectors of the industry prior to the formulation of the policy; and

(d) if so, the facts in this regard and the sources other than the mentioned above from which Government received the suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d) Yes Sir, Government would soon announce the new Textile Policy drafted on the basis of over all trade policy reforms and taking into consideration the report of the Sathyam Committee which widely consulted various trade organisations, labour unions, representatives of various sectors of textile industry, trade bodies, State Governments etc. before finalising its recommendations. However, no time frame has been set.

Export target for textile industry

†1231. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister for TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had fixed the export target for textile industry;

(b) if so, the value of export target for the financial years of 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

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(c) the value of actual export made in 1998-99 and 1999-2000, separately; and

(d) the percentage in the total export made from the country during the said years separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d) The targets, achivements and percentage share in country's exports of textiles and clothing (including Jute, Coir and Handicrafts) for the years 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 are given below:

(Value in US Million Dollar)

Year	Target	Achievement	%age share of textile in country's total exports
1998-1999	14,275	12,558.8	37%
1999-2000	14,385	13,324.8	36%
2000-2001	15,532	2,318.4*	34%*

*(April-May, 2000)

Technology Upgradation Fund for textiles industry

†1232. DR. D. MASTHAN:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a Technology, Upgradation Fund;

(b) if so, the date when the fund was set up, together with the amount of money deposited at its inception;

(c) whether any loan has also been disbursed to the textile industry from this fund; and

(d) if so, the amount of loan allocated for handloom, powerloom

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